

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004, the Examiner withdrew claims 17-53 from consideration as being non-elected. The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gossman et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,317,594 ("Gossman").

Applicants have canceled the non-elected claims, i.e., claims 17-53. Applicants have also amended claim 1 and claim 16. For the reasons set for the below, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended.

### 1. Response to Rejections

Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the public wireless network provides a public network coverage area within which the at least one mobile station can communicate over an air interface. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to specify at least one mobile station that can communicate with the public wireless network, when operating in the public network coverage area, and can communicate with the private wireless network, when operating in the private network coverage area.

Gossman, in contrast, does not teach at least one mobile station that can communicate in this way. Gossman discloses making "a private wired or wireless, or combination network" appear as an extension of a cellular or wireline network. (col. 8, lines 28-31). However, Gossman does not teach that at least one mobile station can wirelessly communicate with a public wireless network, when operating in a public network coverage area, and with a private wireless network, when operating in a private network coverage area. In fact, Gossman teaches away from a mobile station that can wirelessly communicate with both networks by teaching that handoff functions are not supported. For example, Table 1 in Grossman, which is described as "[a] complete table of the mapping of IS-41 messages to functions" (col. 10, lines 54-55), lists a

number of IS-41 messages that are used for call handoff: Handoff Measurement Request; Facilities Directive; Mobile On Channel; Hand off Back; and Hand off To Third. However, each of these handoff-related IS-41 messages is described in Table 1 as "Operation Not Supported."

Accordingly, claims 1-16, as amended, are patentable over Gossman and the other prior art of record.

**2. Other Matters**

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in 2002, but Applicants have not received a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement signed by the Examiner. Applicants submit herewith a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement, along with a postcard indicating that the Information Disclosure Statement and the one cited reference were received on November 8, 2002. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to sign this Information Disclosure Statement and to return the signed copy to Applicants to indicate the Examiner's consideration of the cited reference.

**3. Conclusion**

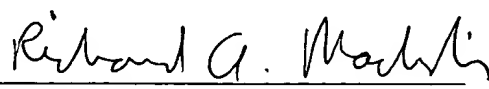
Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is hereby requested. Should the Examiner feel that further dialog would advance the subject application to issuance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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